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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
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Dear Governor Brown:

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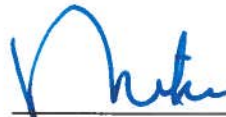
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The Honorable Richard Bloom
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2003
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The Honorable Autumn Burke
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5144
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Burke:

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The Honorable Ian C. Calderon
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2148
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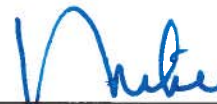
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The Honorable Ling-Ling Chang
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3149
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Chang:

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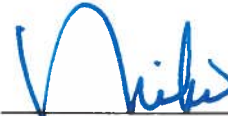
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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2179
Sacramento, CA 95814

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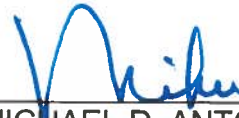
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The Honorable Matthew Dababneh
California State Assembly
State Capital, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Dababneh:

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The Honorable Cristina Garcia
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2013
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Honorable Mike Gatto
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 95814

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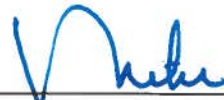
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The Honorable Mike Gipson
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4164
Sacramento, CA 95814

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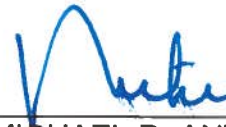
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The Honorable Jimmy Gomez
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3126
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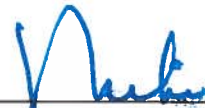
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The Honorable David Hadley
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4102
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Hadley:

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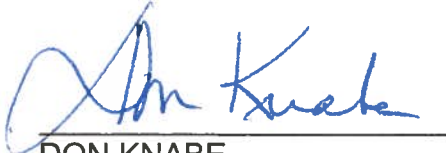
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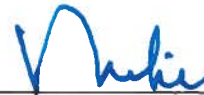
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The Honorable Chris Holden
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3152
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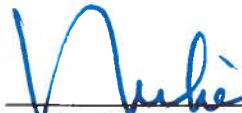
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The Honorable Jacqui Irwin
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6011
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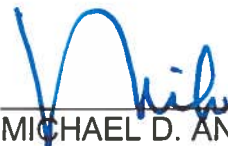
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The Honorable Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

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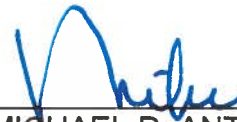
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The Honorable Tom Lackey
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4009
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Lackey:

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The Honorable Patty Lopez
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5160
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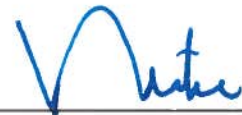
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The Honorable Adrin Nazarian
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4146
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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4166
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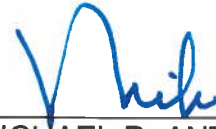
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The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker Elect of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
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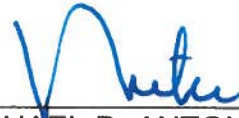
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The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2176
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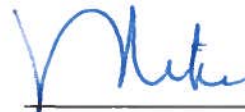
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The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6025
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The Honorable Miguel Santiago
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5119
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Dear Assembly Member:

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The Honorable Scott Wilk
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4158
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Dear Assembly Member Wilk:

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The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate
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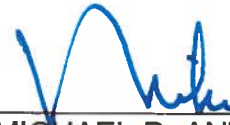
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President pro Tempore of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

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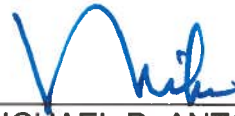
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The Honorable Isadore Hall, III
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Hall, III:

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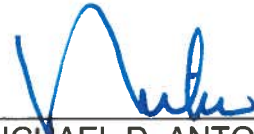
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The Honorable Ed Hernandez
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2080
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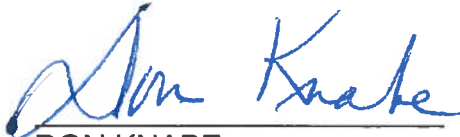
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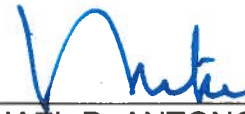
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California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4038
Sacramento, CA 95814

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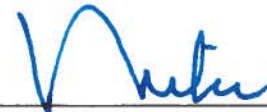
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The Honorable Bob Huff
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4090
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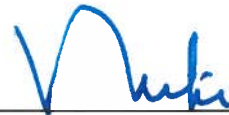
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The Honorable Ricardo Lara
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

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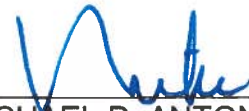
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The Honorable Connie M. Leyva
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Honorable Carol Liu
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5097
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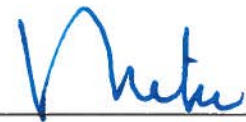
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California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5061
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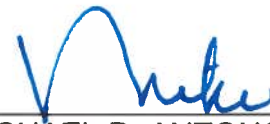
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The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5080
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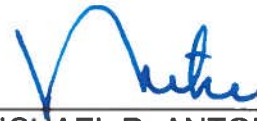
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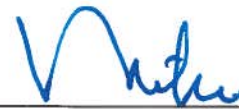
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The Honorable Janet Nguyen
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3048
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Nguyen:

We are writing to express our support for AB 1276 (Santiago), which would authorize a minor, 15 years of age or younger, to testify out of the presence of a judge, jury, defendants, and attorneys if the testimony involves an alleged offense of human trafficking.

Current law, under certain conditions, allows the testimony of a minor, 13 years of age or younger, to be taken by contemporaneous examination and cross-examination out of the presence of the judge, jury, defendants, and attorneys, and communicated to the courtroom by closed-circuit television. AB 1276 would extend that authority by allowing a minor, 15 years of age or younger, to testify at trial by way of closed-circuit television in human trafficking cases.

This important legislation would protect minor victims of human trafficking from the trauma of facing their perpetrator in court and reliving the personal and emotional details of the abuse they suffered. In addition, many minors are unable to effectively communicate in the presence of their alleged perpetrator, diminishing the efforts of prosecutors to effectively prosecute the case. By allowing minor victim-witnesses to testify from another location, AB 1276 would help protect these vulnerable children and allow for more effective testimony.

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Sincerely,



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The Honorable Fran Pavley
California State Senate
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The Honorable Sharon Runner
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3063
Sacramento, CA 95814

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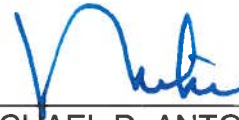
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